

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:  
**Richard Dias**

Examiner: Popovics, Robert J.

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Art Unit: 1724  
Atty. Docket No. 024009-0276266

For: **Sloped Screen Separator That Removes  
Solids From A Manure Slurry**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
**BOX: Amendment**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2003, and is filed concurrently with the attached Drawing Change Authorization Request.

Applicant hereby petitions for a 1-month extension of time, extending the period for response from April 3, 2003 to the date of this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 03-3975, Order No. 024009-0276266, for the requisite small-entity 1-month extension fee of \$55.00.

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Please amend the application as follows: